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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 17, amend Claims 15 and 25, and add Claims 28 – 42 as indicated in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a structural body having a plurality of stations, each such station being adapted to secure a microelectromechanical-systems (MEMS) die;

a recess within the structural body shaped to secure an edge of the MEMS die; and

a flexible retaining arm adapted to retain the MEMS die within the recess, wherein the flexible retaining arm includes a notch shaped for engagement with a tool for flexing the flexible retaining arm.

16. - 17. (Canceled).

- 18. (Original) The article recited in claim 15 wherein each such station includes an access to an underside of the MEMS die.
- 19. (Original) The article recited in claim 18 wherein the access comprises a hole in the structural body.
- 20. (Original) The article recited in claim 18 wherein the access comprises a slot in the structural body.

- 21. (Original) The article recited in claim 15 wherein the structural body is circularly symmetric and the plurality of stations are configured symmetrically about a central axis of the structural body.
- 22. (Original) The article recited in claim 15 wherein the article is formed as a single continuous structure.
- 23. (Original) The article recited in claim 22 wherein the article is formed of a fluoropolymer resin.
 - 24. (Canceled).
 - 25. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a structural body having a plurality of means for securing a microelectromechanical-systems (MEMS) die, wherein each such means for securing includes a flexible means for retaining the MEMS die within a recess in the structural body; and

a MEMS die secured within one of the means for securing.

- 26. (Canceled).
- 27. (Original) The article recited in claim 25 wherein the structural body is circularly symmetric and the plurality of means for securing are configured symmetrically about a central axis of the structural body.
 - 28. (New) An article comprising:

a structural body having a plurality of stations, each such station being adapted to secure a microelectromechanical-systems (MEMS) die;

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- a recess within the structural body shaped to secure an edge of the MEMS die; and
 - a flexible retaining arm adapted to retain the MEMS die within the recess, wherein the article is formed as a single continuous structure.
- 29. (New) The article recited in claim 28 wherein the flexible retaining arm includes a notch shaped for engagement with a tool for flexing the flexible retaining arm.
- 30. (New) The article recited in claim 28 wherein each such station includes an access to an underside of the MEMS die.
- 31. (New) The article recited in claim 30 wherein the access comprises a hole in the structural body.
- 32. (New) The article recited in claim 30 wherein the access comprises a slot in the structural body.
- 33. (New) The article recited in claim 28 wherein the article is circularly symmetric and the plurality of stations are configured symmetrically about a central axis of the structural body.
- 34. (New) The article recited in claim 28 wherein the article is formed of a fluoropolymer resin.
 - 35. (New) An article comprising:
- a structural body having a plurality of stations, at least one such station securing a microelectromechanical-systems (MEMS) die;
- a recess within the structural body shaped to secure an edge of the MEMS die; and

a retaining arm positioned to retain the MEMS die within the recess.

- 36. (New) The article recited in claim 35 wherein the flexible retaining arm includes a notch shaped for engagement with a tool for flexing the flexible retaining arm.
- 37. (New) The article recited in claim 35 wherein each such station includes an access to an underside of the MEMS die.
- 38. (New) The article recited in claim 37 wherein the access comprises a hole in the sructural body.
- 39. (New) The article recited in claim 37 wherein the access comprises a slot in the structural body.
- 40. (New) The article recited in claim 35 wherein the article is circularly symmetric and the plurality of stations are configured symmetrically about a central axis of the structural body.
- 41. (New) The article recited in claim 35 wherein the article is formed as a single continuous structure.
- 42. (New) The article recited in claim 41 wherein the article is formed of a fluoropolymer resin.